

**Rowe School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December, 11, 2007**

**1. Call To Order:**

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

**2. Audience of Citizens:**

Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice, Rebecca Richardson, Bob Clancy, Laurie Laffond were present Michael Buoniconti and Joanne Blier arrived later.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to accept the November 13, 2007 meeting minutes with the two corrections noted. Unanimous yes vote.

1. Regarding the Ski Program a motion was not made to change the price of the ski program to \$70.00 but the amount was discussed.
2. The Proposed Dismissal Procedure- will be added to the parent handbook as a procedure and not a policy.

**4. Correspondence:**

- A. November 21, 2007 letter from Ellen Babcock, Town Coordinator, to Superintendent Buoniconti re: Town Representative and Rowe Elementary School Collective Bargaining. (See Appendix A).
- B. November 28, 2007 letter from Ellen Babcock, Town Coordinator, to Superintendent Buoniconti re: Town Representative for Rowe Elementary School Collective Bargaining. (See Appendix B).
- C. Letter to Maggie Rice dated November 13, 2007 from the Board of Selectman regarding Community Development Survey (See Appendix C)
- D. Letter to Maggie Rice dated November 28, 2007 from the Board of Selectman (See Appendix D)
- E. Letter to Maggie Rice dated November 27, 2007 from the Planning Board regarding the letters from the selectman (See Appendix E)
- F. The above letters will be tabled at this time.
- G. Letter jointly from the Finance Committee and Board of Selectman dated December 7, 2007 re: worksheet for the FY09 budget. Scheduled to meet with both boards on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 6:00pm. (See Appendix F)
- H. Letter to Bob Clancy from Johanna Weinstein re: Letter of Retirement (Resignation) dated December 5, 2007. (See Appendix G). A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to accept (with regret) the letter of resignation from Johanna Weinstein after 30 years of service. Unanimous yes vote.
- I. Received from the Office of the Governor a proclamation on Massachusetts Recycles Paper Day for which grades 3-6 participated.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Outdoor Classroom – Hopefully the construction will begin next week (week of December 17<sup>th</sup>). The work will be done by Vaughn Tower with roofing supplies provided by Robert Silva. Also passed along a copy of the bid sheet to Joanne Blier of the people contacted for the project.
- B. Security Systems – For front door protection with MIIA Grant.
- C. Ski Program – Discussed in the Approval of the Minutes.
- D. Sick Bank - Will review policy and update. (See Appendix H).

**6. Report of the Chairperson:**

- A. Energy Committee – Letter from the Energy Committee to the Board of Selectman and the School Committee dated December 11, 2007.  
Request for one School Committee member to establish an Evaluation Team.  
Lisa Danek Burke will be the School Committee Member Representative.  
(See Appendix I).

**7. Report of the Superintendent:**

- A. FY09 Rowe Preliminary Budget – (See Appendix J)
- B. School Choice Revolving Account (See Appendix K)
- C. FY09 Preliminary Budget - (See Appendix L)
- D. District Educational Goals – (See Appendix M)

**8. Financial Information:**

- A. Budget vs. Actual Report – (See Appendix N)

**9. Report of the Principal:**

- A. Principal Report – (See Appendix O)
- B. Calendar of Events (See Principal Report)
- C. School Choice Possible Opening in the K-2 classroom (1<sup>st</sup> grade interest).

**10. Action Items:**

- A. None at this time.

**13. Subcommittee Reports:**

- A. Policy Subcommittee – Student Dismissal Procedures – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rachel Richardson to accept the Student Dismissal Procedures dated 12/4/2007. Unanimous yes vote. (See Appendix P)
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – (See Appendix Q)
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – See Executive Session below.

**14. Handouts:**

- A. Student Transportation Policy – Revised November 13, 2007. (See Appendix R)
- B. Student Dismissal Procedures – See Policy Subcommittee above.
- C. Sick Bank Policy – See Unfinished Business.
- D. December 5, 2007 Greenfield Recorder article “Mohawk Kids to Visit Italy” (See Appendix S).

**15. Executive Session: -**

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to go into executive session for the purpose of teacher negotiations and possible legal issue. Roll call vote Lisa Danek Burke – yes, Maggie Rice – yes, and Rebecca Richardson – yes. Out of regular session at 9:00pm.

**16. Return to Regular Session:**

- A. Returned to regular session for the purpose of looking at the school of choice positions/openings and will be put on hold until the January 8, 2008 meeting. Will also get legal council opinion on mid-year acceptance.

**17. Adjournment:**

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 9:26pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

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Margaret Rice, Chairman

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Lisa Danek Burke

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Rebecca Richardson